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1. Jessen: In the town of Jessen two guns mounted on special railroad cars were seen on sidings about 150 meters north of the railroad station on 23 and 24 April 1947. The barrels were about ten meters long, with a caliber of about 280mm.
2. In Jessen 400 meters south of the railroad station there was a German armored train consisting of three armored cars equipped with two 150mm guns, two 85mm anti-tank guns and two 88mm AA guns.
3. Two hundred meters NE of the railroad station in an area heavily protected by barbed wire and equipped with two heavily-armed watch towers, the following was observed: forty-eight 150mm guns with solid-tired wheels and barrels three meters long with two recoil tubes extending to the middle of the barrel; thirty-eight 75mm anti-tank guns with balloon tires and barrels four meters long with a single (baffle ?) muzzle brake; thirty-six 88mm AA guns and about fifty unidentified medium-caliber guns.

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4. Rathenow (Z15): There are two artillery batteries in this town. [REDACTED] 25X1B [REDACTED]. Another unit occupying Rathenow is the pioneer school which was formerly located in Neuruppin.
5. Neuruppin (Z49): During April and May 1947 the artillery school at Kyritz was transferred to Neuruppin to make room for a Soviet Air Force unit. Also in Neuruppin is a tank regiment of T-34's quartered in five of the former German armored force barracks. This unit uses [REDACTED] 25X1B
6. Kyritz (Z19): The garrison at Kyritz has been greatly increased, and consists mainly of Soviet Air Force personnel. A great deal of activity was observed at Kyritz airfield during April and May, and twin-engined fighter bombers and planes very similar to the ME-109 were seen in the air. An engineering school which was formerly stationed in Perleberg (T70) has also moved into Kyritz. 25X1B
7. Draatz (Z17): There are a motorized artillery battery [REDACTED] and an Industry Dismantling Command [REDACTED] stationed in this town.

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